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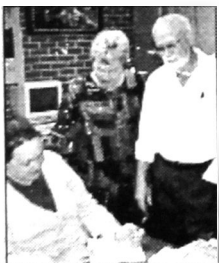
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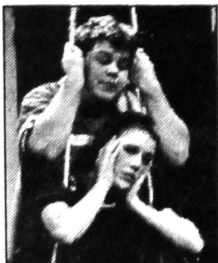
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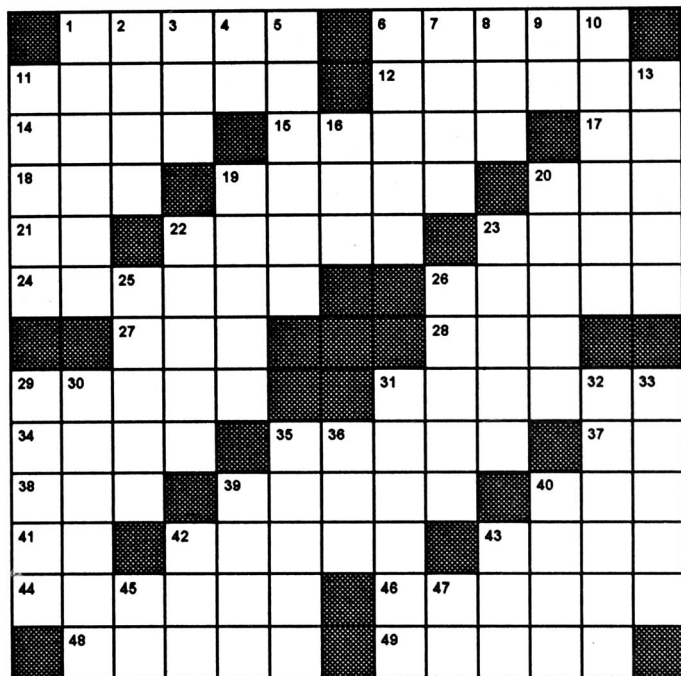
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December 15, 1999



Deeper Thoughts

by Amanda Madden

It's time for me to say good-bye...

Yes, the semester is drawing to a close, and although for some December 23 marks the first day of Christmas break, for me it marks the first day of life in the "real world".

I am graduating this semester and moving to Dallas to get a job and go to school some more.

I'm sure that by the middle of next semester most of you won't remember who I am, and that's ok. But if you choose to remember anything I've written or said during my time here, remember that you are not on this earth by accident. Remember that you have talents and abilities that no one else does. Remember that God has a plan and a purpose for your life that He mapped out before the earth began. No matter who you are or what your life has been like there is hope for your future. Jesus is my hope.

It is your job to find out what that plan is and to discover who you were created to be. Believe me, there is nothing more fulfilling than doing what you do best.

Before I sign off as Editor of *The Southwestern*, I would like to thank everyone for their writing, comments, suggestions, jokes, sweat, tears and hard work, and most of all for their relationships with me.

To the news reporters: thank you for giving your all throughout the semester. I believe you are some of the best writers *The Southwestern* has ever seen.

To our guest columnists and "letter to the editor" writers: thank you for being brave and putting your opinions out there. I know it made a difference. Even when you don't see the results of change, know that in launching your ideas out there, you took the first step toward making a change come.

To the page editors: you guys were life savers every week. Your dedication to learning the programs for putting the paper together not only earned your grade, it made *The Southwestern* what it was this semester. We couldn't have done it without you.

To Lissi Oliver, our account representative: thank you for keeping on top of your job! It made mine a lot easier and the budget definitely appreciates it.

To Julie Hardy, our staff photographer: thank you for your determination to take good pictures and to write with depth. You attained success in those efforts.

Despite hardships, you pulled through when we needed you most. Your talent and enthusiasm for life encouraged me and lifted me up at times when nothing else could.

To Charles Beatley, our sports editor: thank you for your creative input and dependability. Your knack for innovation and dedication to research helped our sports pages reach beyond the confines of Southwestern to display the wide world of sports action that's out there, and that's the bottom line.

To Patricia Cook, our feature editor: thank you for your willingness to branch out beyond the four walls of the department and help students with critical issues, I know many deal with each day. I appreciate your creativity and the long hours of study and fine tuning you put in every week! You definitely helped make us worth reading.

To Shelli Jent, our advertising manager: you were the legs this paper stood on. Although you were often behind the scenes, without your footwork, constant public relations work among businesses, creative ad design work and dedication to selling we not have had the funds to do all we did with the paper this semester. Your efforts stretched beyond my wildest dreams and expectations for our publication. Because of your die hard determination, *The Southwestern* broke some of its highest recorded ad sales records. You've done a wonderful job. Thank you for sticking with it like you have.

I would also like to thank my friends in media productions, clay studio and the dorms for encouraging me this semester. Thanks also, to all of my teachers. I started out a little scared, but have come up on the other side, excited ready for more.

Finally, I want to thank my friend Ben Sprinkle for being there for me for the past three and a half years, for helping me move four times and for everything else you've done; best friends, I've found, are few and far between.

I'll leave you with a picture I had fun taking the other day. Donisha and Sunil, thank you for making me laugh!



Sunil Smith, Kanetra McClellan, Kirl Neptune, Summer Magness and Donisha Childs chill at the grill in the student union.

PHOTO BY AMANDA MADDEN

■ From the Mailbox

Sandy, the C-Store lady says good-bye

I hope that you will give me this time to express my feelings and say good-bye to a large group of wonderful people.

I never thought this moment would come, when I would be sitting here writing a letter saying good-bye.

I first arrived on this campus when the store first opened in January of 1998. I worked nights and got to meet some really wonderful young men and women. Than that February I was made manager of the C-Store. Little did I know then that the C-Store was going to take over a great part of my life.

My goal was to make everyone who walked through my door know the store was there for them and they were very special and important to me.

I would like to tell each of you that leaving SWOSU will not be easy for me to do. I have made so many friends, and my family has increased with all the kids I feel are mine.

I've attended concerts and recitals, basketball and football games, supported the rugby team, and the reason for this is because all these kids are very important. I would be proud to claim each and everyone of the students here as mine.

My eyes are starting to get teary and I guess there isn't to much more to say except, good-bye. I will miss you all, I know I will never forget any of you, and I hope that in some way I brought a little bit of happiness into your life. Good-bye & God Bless.

-Sandy, The C-Store Lady

Distance Learning offers new courses

If you need to drop a course at midterm and replace the hours to keep your grant, insurance, eligibility, etc., you have a special need, because the hours you add must somehow fit in around an existing class, work, training, "life," schedule.

If you have or are applying for a job where you must use software you don't have on your transcript, you have a special need--because, by this point in your life, you need the training immediately, not next semester, and it must be in the employers' version of that software. If you need a few hours of electives to graduate on time, and your final semester's schedule is full of required courses, internships, etc., you have a special need. You need flexible training that will be meaningful in your job-search and still flexible enough to fit in around the "locked-in" workload of your final semester. This spring, the Distance Learning Department is addressing these special needs with the following *new offerings* that are so new that they are *not even in the schedule!*

All of Microsoft's new Office 2000 suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, FrontPage [web-page-building], and, for the first time Microsoft Publisher—a desktop publishing program for professionals outside the printing and publishing business). Also, we are adding Outlook 2000, the professional workflow and schedule organizer.

Adobe's newest professional publishing series, including PageMaker 6.5, Illustrator 8, the new PhotoShop 5.5, and the new Image Ready 2.0, which prepares images for most efficient publication on the Internet are also available.

The new Internet Explorer is finally on board.

Finally, we will have Windows 2000 courses in place by summer.

Look in the spring schedule for other courses that may meet your own special needs. For example, I will be teaching an Introduction to Philosophy telecourse that can be taken for either *two* or *three* hours of credit. Ms. Joyce Stoffers is also offering an Introduction to Literature course for either *two* or *three* hours of credit.

A general education course offered for *three* hours is especially valuable to students whose majors involve transferring to a school where the general education courses are offered for only three hours of credit. To enroll in the three-hour version of these courses, one will find them under the Sayre campus course listings. On a final transcript, the credits will simply show up as three-hour courses.

If our courses do not meet your special needs, please let us know. If they do, please contact the Distance Learning office at 774-3149. Pick up a course syllabus and see the facilities. You can do the coursework wherever the application software is available to you. The Distance Learning Lab, with lab technicians to help you, is open typically from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Enrollment for the Philosophy, Literature and the many other telecourses occurs during the regular enrollment periods. The computer course enrollment extends to a week after midterm in each semester. There is a general orientation meeting at the beginning of each semester. Be sure to check the class schedule for the many courses already in place and the place and time of the enrollment periods and the general orientation.

-Dr. Sam Lackey

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The flu, an ill thought for SWOSU students

By KENDRA RITCHIE/NEWS REPORTER

Flu season is here and along with it comes fever, coughing, aches, sore throat, fatigue and congestion.

The flu virus causes the world's most serious respiratory illnesses with severe chest or abdominal symptoms.

Influenza is spread by aerosols of viruses contaminating the air, hands and surfaces of the environment. It is also spread by water droplets from a sneeze or cough falling on one person's hand or another object, such as money, and passed by a handshake, touch or the exchange of money.

"This season, Oklahoma has reported low flu activity," said McBride. "Flu season is from May to March."

Symptoms of the flu are fever over 102 degrees, usually lasting three to five days; headaches, muscle aches, and a sore throat which are the worst during the first few days. Fatigue also occurs. It usually lasts one to three days. Nasal congestion lasting one to two weeks and coughing that can last up to two weeks are all symptoms as well. Coughing is the major symptom of the flu.

General treatment for influenza is increasing fluid intake. Fluids prevent secretions from getting thick which increases breathing problems. Resting, as well as taking anti-viral medicines, both help in the treatment for the flu.

"If you catch the flu, go to the doctor within 48 hours and start taking anti-viral medications, symptoms will be cut in half," said McBride.

"I think everyone should get a flu shot to prevent the spread of the virus to others, said Jill Holt, a junior business information systems major.

People that are high-risk for the flu are those who are 65 or older, smokers or those with chronic heart, kidney, and lung disease. Nursing home residents, children and teenagers receiving long-term aspirin therapy, women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the flu season and smokers or alcoholics with liver disease are all prime candidates for the flu.

"If you have a vaccine and still get the flu, your symptoms

will be half of what they normally would be," said McBride.

"I think it should be a requirement to get a flu shot in school, because when you're sick, you have to miss class and feel miserable," Andrea Alexander, a freshman elementary education major, said.

The best prevention against the flu is getting a flu shot. They provide 70 percent protection. The second best prevention is frequently washing your hands.

"Students that don't want to miss school or work should have the vaccine," said McBride.

flu shots must be received every year, since last year's shot provides protection against viruses not expected to return to you.

You should call your physician if your instincts tell you to be concerned, your fever comes back after it has been gone one to two days or you still have a high fever after four to five days, your cough becomes wheezy or rapid, or if you are having trouble breathing.

"You can come at your own convenience to get a shot, they are \$5, but I recommend that you come right away," said McBride.

If you have any questions or are interested in getting a flu shot call Nurse McBride at 774-3776.



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Southwestern offers Costa Rican vacation

Culture, sugar cane and college credit

By JOHNNA WEST/ NEWS REPORTER

Are you ready for a vacation? How about a three week stay in Costa Rica?

Linda Hertzler-Crum and Bill Seibert will be taking a group of students to Grecia, Costa Rica after the spring semester is completed. The trip will run from May 12 to June 2.

"This trip is very inexpensive and is a wonderful way for students to become involved in the Costa Rican culture and to practice their Spanish," Hertzler-Crum said.

This trip is part of the Southern Prairie Educational Service located in Milton, Iowa. David Short and his wife, Ana, are the owners and coordinators of the Educational Service. They will join the Southwestern group in Costa Rica.

The couple are members of the Southern Prairie AEA Foreign Language Advisory Council and the Iowa Foreign Language Association. Also, Ana Short is a native of Costa Rica.

While in Costa Rica, the students will take part in a homestay program. This type of unique lodging allows the students to stay with a Costa Rican family that lives in Grecia. Grecia is located 30 miles from the capital, San Jose.

The homestay families have been carefully selected. While staying with the family, the student is required to obey the house rules. They are treated as a member of the family.

"Homestay Families allow students to become a part of the family's culture," Hertzler-Crum said.

All the homestay families are located within walking distance of one another.

An added twist to the trip includes a three day and two night stay at Monte Verde for an additional \$250. Students

are not required to take part in this excursion.

Monte Verde is one of the main tourist attractions in Costa Rica. It is a cloud forest. The travelers can also enjoy a luxurious hot mineral bath at the base of Volcano Arenal.

The group will also tour Los Trapiches, "one of the last remaining and operable old-fashion sugar cane processing mills." Many other exciting adventures are planned for the three week stay.

The cost is \$1,500. This includes airline tickets, lodging expenses and meal expenses. Interested students can contact Linda Hertzler-Crum at 774-3169.

If students wish to gain college credit for this trip, additional fees will be applied.

A \$750 deposit is required by Jan. 15. Students can mail the deposit to David Short at South Prairie Educational Services, RR1, Box 245, Milton, Iowa 52570. The telephone number is 515-656-4643.



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Academic Affairs is looking for a non-work study assistant secretary. The job requires knowledge of office equipment, such as, a computer, fax machine, and photocopier. Other requirements include the ability to use Microsoft Word and Excel on the computer, and good communication skills. The position also includes performing basic office tasks, such as, answering phones, interaction with faculty and students, assisting other secretaries, and working on other assignments as needed. To apply for this position contact Kaprice Skinner at 774-3771 in Administration 210.

High School/College Relations is looking for a student employee to provide campus tours for prospective students and parents and answer questions concerning Southwestern, assist with Freshman Orientation sessions and perform general office duties. Required qualifications are strong interpersonal skills, being comfortable speaking to small

groups, overall knowledge of Southwestern (admission requirements, academic programs, organizations, activities, and campus life). A resume must be provided in addition to the student employment application. To apply for this position contact Todd Boyd or Jena Skarda at 774-3782 in Stafford 207.

The Computer Science Department is looking for a teaching assistant during Computers & Information Access lab classes during the Spring 2000 semester. The anticipated start date is Jan. 13, 2000. The required qualifications include extensive knowledge of Word, Excel, e-mail, Netscape and the ability to communicate well with others. To apply for this position contact Betty Ann Klaassen at 774-3201 in Stafford 250.

Southwestern's Public Information Office needs a student photographer starting the 2000 Spring semester. Students can pick up an application form in Administration 201

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HOOK UP WITH THE BEST!

Finals bring standard, new study techniques

By AMBER WELDON/NEWS REPORTER

Finals are quickly approaching. Stress is building up as students look for different ways to study for their tests.

Students around campus find different ways to study for finals and for keeping their stress levels to a minimum. The study tips of some may help others to find a convenient and effective way of studying.

Melissa Streit, a freshman accounting major, said that she studies a week in advance for 30 minutes a day. She also finds that flash cards are helpful in studying.

"The best way to not stress about finals is to rent movies or listen to music. Don't look at the book while you're relaxing," she said.

Some students find a different approach to studying useful. Darlene Miller, a sophomore psychology major, said, "I cram. I study a little the last few days before the test, but then I study the hardest the night before." She said that she constantly stresses about her finals.

Betty Hendrix, a freshman counseling major, said that when she studies, she rewrites her class notes, then studies about an hour, takes a break, then studies for another hour. She does that for several days.

"There is no way to keep from stressing. The more you

study, the less anxious you are," she said.

One of the most well-known methods for studying is the SQ3R method. This method emphasizes five steps to studying—survey, question, read, recall, review.

Step one is survey. This is skimming through the book and notes, looking at main headings and highlighted material.

The next step is question. Change the main headings of sections from statements to questions. For instance if the heading says "The Rules of Outlining" change it to "What are the Rules of Outlining?" Write the questions out. Reading is next. Read the chapters and notes. Write notes in your own words about the questions asked and other important points.

Next, recall the high points without looking at the book or notes as soon as the reading is finished.

Reviewing is the last step. Look at the book and all of the questions and notes to see how well the recalling went. Find out if any mistakes were made and then try to recall again. You should spend more time on recall than on reading.

There are many other good study methods. Some websites that have many other good study tips are: www.howtostudy.com, www.cramsession.com/studytips, www.yourteen.com/studytips.html.

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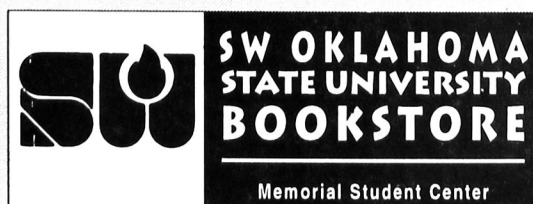
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Miracles never cease...

A woman's fight to survive, a doctor's will to persist, and powerful prayers result in a miraculous event that spread through a town many Southwestern students call home

By AMANDA MADDEN/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

'Tis the season to be jolly, but too often the happiness of the holidays is forgotten. Although responsibilities come in November and December which no other months share, family, friends, faith and life itself give true meaning to the holidays.

Sometimes in amazing and unexplainable ways, we are reminded of the importance of what we truly love and the smallness of the busy things that occupies our time.

It was on November 6, in the little town of Fay, Oklahoma, just eight miles outside of Thomas, that an event happened which changed the lives of a family, astounded doctors and aroused interest in Southwestern college students.

On the afternoon of that Saturday, Sharon Lee, a Fay resident, a nurse and pastor of His Hand Extended church, stepped out the door to go to work. She was scheduled for the 3p.m. to 11 p.m. shift at a nursing home.

"I felt like something strange was going to happen. It was kind of like a warning that something unusual was going to happen. I wasn't afraid, and I didn't have any pain, except once in a while, my heart would just kind of jump," Lee said.

She drove a few blocks, and stopped in front of her sister's house. Her heart was still jumpy.

"I felt like my spirit was going to leave my body. I had Erika, my daughter, go in and get my sister and tell her that I needed to go to the emergency room," Lee said.

On the way to Watonga Municipal Hospital, Lee called people in her church and asked them to pray. She then called her husband, Larry Lee, and asked him to go get Guy Peh, a speaker and native of Cameroon, Africa, who was visiting the Watonga area, so they could meet to pray at the hospital.

Once they arrived at the medical facility, the family and friends were met by Dr. Ash, a physician who was on call that day.

"I looked at her and she was sweating and extremely anxious. Then, all of a sudden, she just passed out," Dr. Ash said.

"That was the last thing I remembered until I woke up," Lee said.

While Lee was "out" doctors continued to work administering CPR, medication and over 20 shocks in an

effort to resuscitate her. However, because Lee had not had a regular pulse for over 40 minutes, and had several severe seizures during that time, Dr. Ash feared the worst: critical brain damage.

At that point, Dr. Ash told Sharon's family that he feared she would never be normal again, and may suffer severe brain damage, but that

with further treatment, since her heart had finally begun to maintain itself (after over 40 minutes) she would live.

"We tried to give the maximum oxygen to the brain through CPR, but Sharon's heart was not beating regularly by itself. With somebody who has no oxygen supply to the brain, they might have dilated and fixed pupils, and she had those," Dr. Ash said. "The entire time she was having seizures and her hands were drawn up. That is a sign of severe brain damage."

But such would not be the case for Lee, as she believed that God, through the power of prayer, reached down and did the unexplainable, brought her back from death and healed her body preventing all brain damage or loss of memory.

"The whole time, the African man was praying very loudly, even the nurses were surprised," Dr. Ash said.

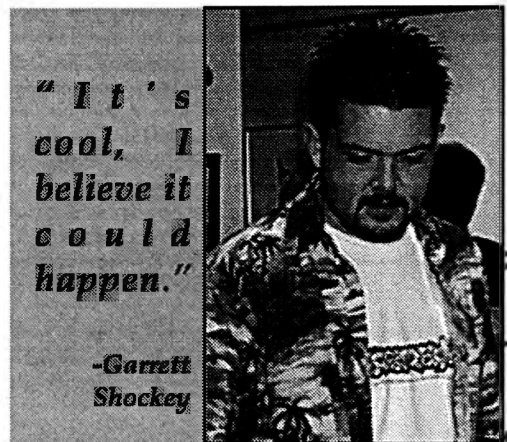
Dr. Ash is Islamic, and said he had never seen praying like Peh's (a Christian) before.

"First I prayed for life to come back into Sharon's body. Then, when the doctor told the family she might have brain damage, I laid my hands on her head and prayed for her brain to be completely restored," Peh said.

Because her chances of living a normal life were almost medically impossible or at least very rare, doctors were unsure of what steps to take next.

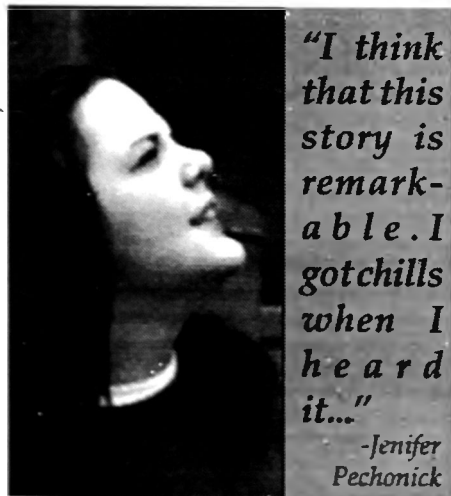
"When I told the other doctor that we were going to transport her to Oklahoma City, his reply was, 'What, you're doing this just to please the family?'" Dr. Ash said.

But Lee was transported and later that day put in ICU for recovery. Soon after receiving treatment in Oklahoma City, Sharon Lee was released. She was walking and talking with no signs of brain damage or memory loss.



Garrett Shockey

PHOTO BY AMANDA MADDEN



Jenifer Pechonick

PHOTO BY JULIE HARDY

"I didn't do anything special, I did whatever I do on everybody. I was very surprised when I was told that she was coming back, and had a pulse. I thought she would never be normal again, like us, talking and walking. It is very rare to have somebody walking out of the hospital like that. Really, I do think it was a miracle," Dr. Ash said.

The news of the miracle spread fast through surrounding towns and even worked its way to Weatherford. Less than a week later Southwestern students had heard of the event and were talking about what took place in a town some of them called home. In fact, several students from Watonga shared their views.

"I think this story shows faith and the power of prayer. It was just evidence of what I believe God is going to do in these last days so people will believe," Shane Hood, a sophomore elementary education major from Watonga, said.

"I think that this story is remarkable. I got chills when I heard it, and I'm not easily impressed like that," Jenifer Pechonick, senior communication arts and chemistry major from Dewey, said.

"It's cool, I believe it could happen," Garrett Shockey, sophomore recreational leadership major from Leedey, said.

Life long Watonga resident Tasha Raines, a sophomore health science major at Southwestern, believes that this event had an effect on the entire town.

"It most definitely stirred something up. From the people who work at *The End of Main* restaurant, to the student body at the high school campus, to people here on Southwestern's campus many were talking about it," Raines said.

Zac Brack, a sophomore at Southwestern who's home town is Watonga, also believed it had an affect on almost the entire community.

"If it wasn't for prayer, I believe she wouldn't be alive today. But, certain people listen and certain others turn it away because they don't want to believe it," Brack said. "The secular world is always going to be skeptical. But you have to stand up and say that you believe, when you really do, no matter how they react."

Speaker Guy Peh, who has lived in Dallas, Texas for over three years, had a similar encounter not long before the one in Watonga.

"I was in Bozeman, Montana speaking about racism at Montana State University. I visited a church called Christian Life Center on the Friday of that week. In the service, a man had a heart attack and was carried out of the service. Two nurses were then called out of the service and took his vitals but found no pulse. The man was not breathing and before administering CPR, as the paramedics were on their way, we prayed. When we did, the man's heart started again and he began to gasp for breath. The two nurses verified this later at the hospital," Peh said.

"The miracle of Sharon Lee's story and many others has made me realize how much of a miracle our lives are. It has made me realize how precious the lives of my family members really are. Every breath we take every move we make is a miracle from God, and we need to give Him the praise and the glory for that," Raines said.



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I believe that a miracle happened in the life of Sharon Lee. I prayed for her, many people prayed. It was nothing I did. God brought her back from death and healed her mind..

-Guy Peh

During the time I was in ICU I remember a strong presence of Jesus. I beleieve that God did a miracle through prayer, and I'm really thankful for a second opportunity to live.

-Sharon Lee



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I thought she would never be normal again, like us, talking and walking. Really, I do think it was a miracle.

-Dr. M. Ash

Uncertain New Year's leads to many fears

By SAM NEARING/NEWS REPORTER

New Year's Eve 1999, the final evening of the second millennium. Some will hide themselves in bunkers fortified with food and weapons. Some will throw themselves into alcohol and drug fueled frenzies at all night parties. Others will simply pray.

Y2K and the Y2K bug have been the most hyped buzz words of the last few years, even more so as 1999 draws to its end. But how did Y2K come about?

A Short History

In 1960, Pentagon and computer industry programmers developed the Common Business Orientated Language (COBOL). To save expensive memory, they wrote years with two digits instead of four (92 instead of 1992). People now fear that computers will misread 00 as 1900 next year and disrupt or crash various computer systems across the globe.

The National Bureau of Standards attempted to resolve the two-digit system in 1967, but opted to keep it unchanged.

Robert Bermer, one of COBOL's pioneers, wrote an article in a 1973 issue of *Interface Age* stating that the two-digit code would cause significant problems in 2000.

The United States government began estimating Y2K solution costs in 1996. Since then, almost every facet of federal, state and city government has been examined, treated and tested.

This April the Federal Aviation Administration reported that the nation's air traffic control systems had passed major Y2K testing. But the House Committee on Government Reform listed these systems as a program "at risk of failure."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission in July said all 103 nuclear power plants in the United States had no Y2K software bugs. In September the NRC found 28 plants still needing upgrades.

The Cost

The federal government has reportedly spent between eight and \$13 billion to become Y2K ready. The rest of the nation's costs range between 50 and \$150 billion. Worldwide expenses are expected to total \$1 to \$2 trillion dollars.

Computer fixes, upgrades and the labor involved comprise a large portion of the expenses. Large but indeterminable amounts have been invested in marketing and public relations.

Many efforts have been put into New Year's Eve itself.

Some airlines plan on grounding many flights.

The FBI will be on alert to watch for viruses people may try to unleash during any confusion the date change may cause.

"It's natural to expect there might be people doing stupid things with computers," Michael Vatis, director of the FBI's national infrastructure protection center, said.

Preparing in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City has prepared itself for Dec. 31.

Firefighters will be issued two-way radios to ensure communications between residents and 911 operators. In case of unexpected system or power failure, personnel with radios will be posted at the 911 center, the Emergency Medical Services Authority center and at all area fire stations.

To cope with emergency situations and crowd control at the New Year's Eve downtown crowds, Oklahoma City will have twice the normal amount of police officers on duty.

"Computers are just one part of Y2K readiness," Police Chief M.T. Berry said. "And while we don't know exactly what is going to happen, we still have to prepare for any and all contingencies."

Utility companies are doing their part to ensure residents have power, phones and water come New Year's Day.

To prepare, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. has spent \$40 million on system trouble shooting, on stockpiling materials and parts and on extra employees to work through the holiday weekend. OG&E's biggest concern is a complete failure of the national power grid. When something of this level goes out, many fear that a domino effect could occur.

One billion of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s funds have gone into its networks.

"We normally have a heightened traffic load anyway because of the holiday, and the situation could be aggravated by people trying the phones just to see if they work or not. That could tax the system," SWBT Spokesman Mike Cooper said.

Prophecies

Although many people fear the possibilities of Y2K related failures and problems, many more see this fragile time of human existence as proof to beliefs of biblical prophecies and government conspiracies.

Apocalypse comes from the Greek *apokalypsis*, meaning "revealing." More than a few religions contain descriptions of an apocalyptic end of society realized through prophesied events.

The final book of the New Testament, Revelation, describes the events leading up to a final battle between good and evil.

For 2,000 years, people have fit many world occurrences into the puzzle of prophecy.

According to Christian beliefs, an Antichrist, first seen as a savior, will arise and deceive mankind. Napoleon, Kaiser William II of Germany and Hitler have all been thought by some to be the Antichrist.

Most believe that Israel becoming an independent nation on May 14, 1948, is where the countdown for the Apocalypse begins.

Since then, other events have taken place to fulfill the prophecy further.

The unification of the Arab nations over the last 45 years,

Southwestern's corner on scholarship

by Paul R. Nail, Department of Psychology

Recently there has been some interest expressed in having a faculty development workshop on the topic of writing for publication in refereed journals. Such a workshop could be held in the Spring or Fall semester of 2000 and be hosted by faculty at Southwestern familiar with some of the hurdles and subtleties of the editorial/review process. Before planning the workshop, we would like to have some idea of the interest such a workshop might generate. If you have any interest, please take a moment to contact me by phone (x-3723) or email (nailp@swosu.edu). Also, please share this possibility with colleagues.

This week's column is based on projects that appeared in the Office of Sponsored Programs' (OSP) Scholarly Activity Report for FY 99 and on projects recently submitted to OSP. Please continue to submit current work based on the one-page OSP Scholarly Activity Report form. The form is available on the SWOSU web page under Administration/Forms/SWOSUFORMS/Research and Grants. Hardcopies can be obtained from OSP at ext. 7012.

Congratulations to the many of you involved in scholarly activity at Southwestern. Keep up the good work!

Faculty and Administrators in the News

Richard Bryant, Chemistry and Physics Department, presented "A Woman's Place is in the Laboratory: Addressing Gender Bias in Science Classes," Annual Convention, National Science Teachers Association, Boston, MA.

Helen Maxson, Language Arts Department, presented "Walter McDonald's 'Mending the Fence' and Robert Frost's 'Mending Wall': One Region Speaks to Another," Central New York Conference on Language and Literature, SUNY, Cortland, NY.

Paul Nail, Psychology Department, published an article "A New Model of Interpersonal Influence Characteristics," *Journal of Social Behavior and Personality*.

Ed Rolison, Social Sciences Department, presented "Political Parties in Belize," Annual Meeting, Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, Bowling Green, KY.

Steve Pray, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, published a workbook "Alternative Medicine: Is it Quackery?" *Proctor & Gamble*.

Shelly Prince, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, regularly authors a column "Calculations," for the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding*.

Dana Reid-Pierce, Pharmacy Practice Department, published an article "Drug-Induced Nightmares," *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*.

Ken Rose, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department, was awarded a grant "Ghost Mound Adventure Program," Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs, \$744,960.

Blake Sonobe and **William Kelly**, Chemistry and Physics Department, were awarded a grant "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer Upgrade," National Science Foundation, \$25,200.

Don Wilson, School Service Programs Department, was awarded a grant "The Aurora Project," U.S. Department of Education, \$64,412.

Bulldog Bucks



December graduates and students transferring to another institution

Any student who received a federal student loan for the fall semester and will not be attending Southwestern for the spring semester must contact the Student Financial Services Office. An exit interview must be completed before the semester ends. Students who fall below halftime are not eligible for loans or a loan deferment and must also complete the exit interview. You may view the exit video between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Stafford Building, Room 224.

FAFSA Renewal Forms

Students who received federal funding for this current school year need to watch for a 2000-2001 FAFSA Renewal Application in the mail. If you do not receive a renewal application by the first of the year you may pick up the 200-2001 FAFSA application in the Student Financial Services Office.

Mass Exit Interviews

Pharmacy Students, Dec. 15, Pharmacy Annex Room 104, 2 p.m.
Education Students, Dec. 20, Student Union Ballroom, 1 p.m.

1999: Year of victory, defeat, death and hope

By BROOKE BABEK/NEWS REPORTER

This last year has been full of ups and downs. Some moments caused cheerfulness, others tears. Nevertheless 1999 was full of spectacular, tragic and emotional events one would expect in the final year of the 1900s.

Looking back, there were several devastating disasters and accidents that touched many lives.

Many Oklahomans lost not only their homes but memories in the May 3 tornadoes that ripped through the state. More than 40 people died in the twisters.

The entire nation's eyes were opened after the Columbine, Colo., and Fort Gibson, Okla., school shootings, along with the Fort Worth church shooting. The shootings sparked debates about gun control, but also made people wonder if any building is safe from rampagers.

The deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law shocked the nation and brought back painful memories of the ongoing Kennedy saga.

PGA tour players remembered their fallen friend, Payne Stewart, by wearing knickers during the Tour Championship Tournament. Stewart had lost his young life in a plane crash less than a week before.

A freak accident claimed the lives of 12 Texas A&M students while trying to build their famous traditional bonfire. No one is quite sure why the logs collapsed.

In entertainment news, the high-stakes game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," dominated the ratings. The show started out as nothing but a time slot filler between seasons.

Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston had everyone wondering about their commitments to each other, while Susan Lucci on the other hand wondered no more about her long lost emmy. Lucci finally brought it home after 13 consecutive defeats.

Amazingly enough Richard Gere was named sexiest man alive by *People* magazine although he's somewhat aging. Gere and Julia Roberts teamed up once again for the long awaited box office hit, *Runaway Bride*.

The biggest stars in music this past year were in the pop world. Boy bands like N'Sync, Backstreet Boys and 98 degrees were nominated for nearly every award possible during the Grammy and MTV award shows. Another big pop star, Britney Spears, hit the top and stayed there most of the year.

A new kind of music hit the scene this year though it's been around forever. Latin music became big after Ricky Martin debuted as a solo artist followed by movie star turned singer Jennifer Lopez.

The one downfall for the music business was Garth Brooks in the life of Chris Gaines. Many are still wondering what that was all about.

Sports was back again this year with a big bang. The New York Yankees claimed yet another World Series for a third straight year sweeping the Atlanta Braves. It was quite an accomplishment for a team that endured so much

strife during the season. Through all of Daryl Strawberry's problems, the deaths of Scott Brosius' and Paul O'Neil's fathers, and manager Joe Torre's battle with prostrate cancer, the Yankees found a way to pull together.

The Denver Broncos also repeated with their win in the Super Bowl against the Atlanta Falcons. Many Bronco fans were saddened however with the retirement of all-star quarterback John Elway.

The NBA title went to the San Antonio Spurs who had been in quite a slump for sometime, while Connecticut took the NCAA Championship after a month of March Madness.

In local sports, the Weatherford Eagles crushed Fort Gibson 46-0 to win the state football championship in Stillwater.

The biggest come back of the year and most inspiring story was cyclist, Lance Armstrong, who Barbara Walters chose as the most fascinating person of the year. Literally on his death bed about a year ago, Armstrong overcame testicular cancer to win the Tour de France.

From comebacks to mishaps, laughter to tears, this year can be looked back upon as the last year of not only another decade, but century. Here comes the millennium.



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the Gulf War and Osama bin Laden's television message that his God told him to kill Americans are all parts of the vision of St. John the Divine, author of the Book of Revelation.

China, with a population of one billion, could produce the army of 200 million from the "Kings of the East." This force is supposed to battle in a war between a nation far north of Israel (Bible scholars say Russia), the Arab nations and Africa.

The prophecies are wide and inclusive. Earthquakes, UFO sightings, oil price increases, inflation, war, terrorism, famine, plague . . . almost any negative world event can be placed into one of them. Many technological advances were foreseen: Social Security numbers, bar codes and credit cards as part of the movement towards a cashless society.

Mass chaos?

Militias, cults and para-military groups also see Y2K as a way to promote their visions of uprisings, saviors and chaos.

Hundreds of web sites have been created by these groups to advertise their views, ideas and instructions for survival.

Some extremists question government actions and makes accusations of cover ups. Knowledge of Y2K potential problems since 1960, belief of a CIA desire to implement Martial Law and the readiness of anti-American groups to use bombs and biological warfare are all cited as reasons that "loyal" Americans should arm themselves in preparation of defense against outside factions or even our own government.

Police departments have received FBI warnings to watch for increased militia activities as 1999 ends.

Deputy Police Chief Mike Heath said that Oklahoma City has received a FBI bulletin bringing attention to dealing with everything from panicked residents to doomsday groups.

For a long time these predictions were thought to be only speculation of extremists. But recently, recognized and influential people have begun warning Americans of potential Y2K situations.

"There are happenings today: the approach of one world government, the global-nation syndrome that is so prevalent today, the cashless society," the Rev. Jerry Falwell said. "There are many who believe that we could be in the last century."

He also has announced the Antichrist has "probably" already been born and is walking among us.

Although these ideas are somewhat extreme, government and religious leaders alike are advising people to take precautions not against the end of the world but against the possibilities of Y2K related failures.

"We have, hopefully, prepared for the worst and will expect the best," said Zach Taylor, executive director of the Association of Central Oklahoma Government.

Whether you see New Year's Eve 1999 as the beginning of the end or as the day before Saturday be responsible and kind, to yourself and others.

Conan O'Brien, of NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," wrote *In the Year 2000*. An excerpt from the book, indicating the terrible possibilities of the millennium, predicted that "Man will sometimes write '1999' on his checks."

Q: What is the worst Christmas gift you ever got?

A:

"Clothes."
-Jeff Smith,
Kingfisher,
mathematics



A:

"Not getting anything from my husband last year had to be the worst thing I ever got."
-Nikki Gordon,
Fort Cobb, finance

A:

"Socks from my sister were the worst gift I ever got."
-John Daniels,
Edmond,
education



A:

"When I was nineteen, my grandma gave me pink pajamas with feet and a bunny tail that zipped up the back."
-Jacquelyn Thompson,
Cyril, accounting

A:

"I got a New Kid's on the Block sweatshirt from my grandma when I was in the seventh grade."
-Chuck Maddox,
Canute, accounting



Al-Jarrah's world tour stops in Weatherford

By JOHNNA WEST/NEWS REPORTER

Susan Al-Jarrah and her mother both predicted Susan's future while she was young. Amazingly, both presumptions had a strong resemblance to events that would occur in Susan's life.

While in the first grade, Susan Lee Goodwin created a three-page book about her desire to travel. She had drawn a picture of herself riding a horse. Each page showed the pair getting farther and farther away from home. "I am going away with Rod," was written on the last page. This was the name of a man she had never met, but would one day be her husband and take her all over the world.

Travel wasn't the only thing Susan was interested in. She wanted to learn foreign languages. Her mother would tease her and tell her she would marry a man from South America and teach her children Spanish. Coincidentally, Susan married Radwan Al-Jarrah, a man from Jordan and taught her children Arabic. Now she teaches Spanish at Southwestern.

Susan Al-Jarrah has been a language arts instructor here since 1995. This is her first job as a university professor, but not her first teaching job. That position took place in Saudi Arabia.

Susan attended college at Ohio State University in Columbus, her hometown. In August of 1975 she received her BA in Spanish. Now she is fluent in Spanish, Arabic, and can understand some French, Italian and Portuguese. Her Arabic influence started when she met Radwan Al-Jarrah, a graduate student at Ohio State.

Radwan Al-Jarrah grew up in a village in Jordan and received his BA in math from Baghdad in 1974. He then moved to Columbus and met Susan Lee Goodwin. They married in 1979. In 1980 the couple moved to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Radwan began teaching math while Susan started teaching in an all-girls school in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. She was teaching English as a second language. Unlike her husband, Susan didn't know Arabic and she didn't have any experience as a teacher. These factors did not prevent her from performing her job as she used Shakespeare to teach English to eleventh grade girls.

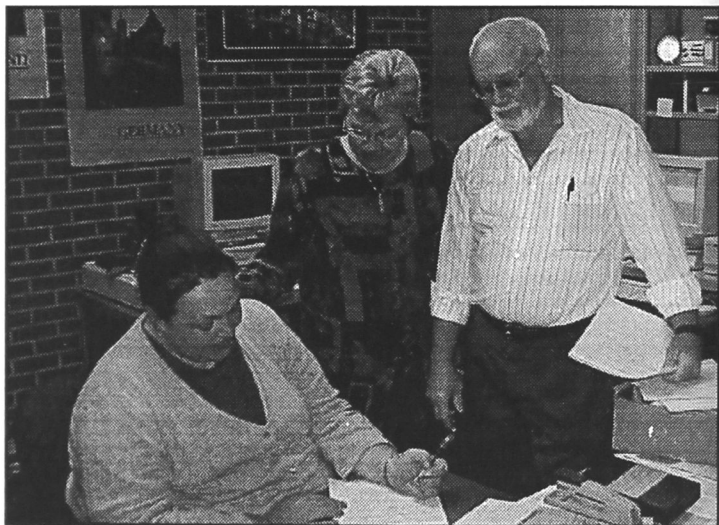
The students weren't the only ones learning in this school system. The customs in Saudi Arabia schools are very unique. Susan had to abide by the Islamic religion. She had to wear an *Abaya* and veil while she was teaching. This is a black veil that covered the body from head to toe.

"It was very hard to get used to, I tripped over it a lot," Susan said. Susan and her husband had two children while living in Saudi Arabia, a girl and a boy. Summer is now 18 years old and attending school in New Mexico. Thamer is 16 years old.

In 1984 the family moved to Jordan. Susan continued to teach English as a Second Language in Irbid, Jordan. In 1988, she began teaching another language: Spanish. Susan had two more children while living in Jordan. They are Aboudi who is now 13 years old and Sarah who is 11 years old.

In 1990, the Al-Jarrahs' left the Middle East to avoid the Gulf War. They moved back to Susan's hometown.

This international and somewhat nomadic family then ended up in Oklahoma in 1991. While in Columbus, Radwan attended an American Math Society meeting and was introduced to Dr. John Woods, from Southwestern. Dr. Woods told Radwan that they needed a math instructor at



Susan Al-Jarrah and Dr. Richard Sterm help a student with a foreign language question.

Southwestern. Radwan applied for the job and got it. The family moved to Weatherford. Radwan is now the chairperson of the math department.

Susan laughs as she describes her husband's first opinion of Oklahomans.

"He said Oklahomans are very similar to people in the Middle East; they are polite and very family oriented," Susan said.

When her husband began his teaching career at Southwestern, she began her second collegiate career. She wasn't certified as a teacher in Oklahoma and wanted to continue teaching foreign languages.

In 1994 she graduated from Southwestern with a Master's degree in English education. Upon graduating, she obtained two teaching jobs at the Arapaho and Butler schools. In 1995, she got a chance to teach at the same university as her husband. She became a language arts instructor at Southwestern, teaching English and Spanish classes.

Although Susan and her husband love Oklahoma, they travel abroad whenever possible. They have visited many countries such as Spain, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Mexico. They have also traveled all over the United States.

Traveling and living in different countries has allowed Susan to adapt to people and their different cultures.

"You learn to be very tolerate of all kinds of people and accept them for who they are," Susan said.

Gun accident changes the life of a witness

By KENDRA RITCHIE/ NEWS REPORTER

In one night, in one minute, one decision ended one life and affected several others, including that of a Southwestern student.

The incident was started and ended by a handgun.

On Oct. 23, a Kingfisher High School senior, using a friend's gun, shot and killed himself, while in the presence of six close friends.

A Southwestern student was one who witnessed the accident.

"It was, by far, the most horrifying and awful thing that I have ever seen in my life," the student said.

"I will never forget that gruesome scene for as long as I live."

The senior's death brought up more arguments about gun safety and restriction. In 1994, there were 38,505 firearm related deaths.

Los Angeles officials said that fatal gun accidents are more prevalent than other fatal accidents, gun accidents are increasing and civilian gun ownership must be further restricted or regulated. However, other experts disagree, saying the risk is low.

"The risk of a gun accident is extremely low, even among defensive gun owners, except among a very small, identifiably high-risk subset of the population," said Dr. Kleck, author of *Targeting Guns*.

Consequently, Kleck said, it is doubtful whether, for the average gun owner, the risk of an accident could counterbalance the benefits of keeping a gun in the home for protection: the risk of an accident is quite low overall, and is virtually nonexistent for most gun owners.

"Gun incidents are generally committed by unusually reckless people with records of heavy drinking, repeated involvement in automobile crashes, many traffic citations and prior arrests for assault," Kleck said.

Kleck concluded that gun accidents rarely involve children

and most commonly adolescents and young adults.

"He pulled the clip out. However, he was a frequent hunter, so I thought that he was experienced with guns, or so I would have expected," said the student.

Officials stated that alcohol was involved in the shooting.

"He had been drinking, and he was buzzed but he was, in no way, highly intoxicated," the student said. "He was a

It will take more than just words and protests to save the potential victims, effort and responsibility from everyone has to be displayed.

-- witness to shooting

teenager having fun and he made a bad decision.

"We had no idea what was going on- everything happened so fast," she said. "One minute he was examining the gun, next, he pulled the clip out; we just thought he did that to remove the bullets, then next thing we know, he is putting the gun to his chin."

Most gun incidents occur in the home and many of them involve guns kept for defense. However, very few accidents occur in connection with actual defensive uses of guns, Kleck reported.

"I can still hear the shots ringing in my head," the student said.

"Seeing his body and blood all over makes me reevaluate my life and be thankful for what I have.

"He was not a social outcast, he was a great student, a starter on the football team and the wrestling team," the student said. "And he was very popular with the girls."

The gun used belonged to one of the teen's fathers, who was a trooper.

"The gun never would have been out of hiding, if not for the son showing it off to his friends," the student said.

Questions are arising from everywhere and everyone on what can be done to reduce the number of gun deaths.

"Everyone has their opinions on how to help gun control, but no one wants to help do anything," the student said.

"It will take more than just words and protests to save the potential victims, effort and responsibility from everyone has to be displayed."

Officials agree that we all need to take a stand and prevent those "accidents."

"Guns are nothing to play around with," the student said.

"They are very fragile, like fine china."

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Play Review

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown, Peppermint Patty, Snoopy and the whole gang reunited in a spectacular production of the first Southwestern musical in years. *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* was brought to life by the theatre department under the direction of Scott Crew.

Based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz, the show was revived in the Old Science Building in a wonderful musical that intrigued its audience. The cast did an excellent job of bringing each memorable character to life.

Chris Nearing, a junior computer science major from Weatherford, played the role of Charlie Brown. The role of the boy who always seems to be one step behind was Chris's stage debut.

Natalie Coe, a freshman communication arts major from Hydro, played very energetic and lovable Snoopy. She depicted her character impressively with her friendly, imaginative activity.

Lucy Van Pelt, always paying extra attention to

Schroeder but being extra mean to Charlie Brown, was brought to life by Hollie Borrer, a communication arts major from Bethany.

Phillip Seymour, sophomore communication arts major from Enid, played the timid Schroeder. His character was a delight as he fought off the attention of Lucy and played his piano throughout the show.

The blanket-hugging, fun-loving Linus was played by Chantry Banks, a sophomore communication arts major from Hammon. In his third stage appearance at Southwestern, Banks delighted the audience with hilarious observations on life and perfect reactions to his sister's nagging.

The rest of the cast helped to complete the kindergarten classroom scene and brought music and laughter to the stage. They included RYANNE MCCOOK (Peppermint Patty), MATTHEW TERRY (Pig Pen), MONICA CATLETT (Violet), JACIEL ROEWE (Sally Brown), BECKY SHELTON (Marcie), DONISHA SHATAZZ CHILDS (Frankie), ERIC VOLDEN (ReRun Van Pelt) and LISA WONG (Woodstock). The bubbly cast provided music that caused audience members to remember the innocence of childhood.

The show's set was a brightly painted classroom and schoolyard complete with a slide, swing and even a teeter-totter.

Together with the lighting, stage, music, crew and especially the cast, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* was a pleasing performance that entertained audiences of all ages.

--Julie Hardy



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Putting the Smack Down on Sports

by Charles Beatley

People of England, cover your ears. Here comes Mike Tyson.

British Commonwealth boxing champ Julius Francis has verbally agreed to fight none other than Mike "hungry enough to eat an ear" Tyson in England on Jan. 29.

Francis has a record of 21-7 with 11 knockouts; Tyson's record is 46-3 with 40 knockouts.

Tyson's last fight was a one-round no contest with Orlin Norris on Oct. 23 in Las Vegas. Tyson knocked down Norris with a head blow that resulted in a knee injury due to the fall. The reason the fight was ruled a no contest is because Tyson punched Norris after the bell had rung, supposedly accidental. After viewing the fight, the Nevada State Athletic Commission told Tyson to fight elsewhere.

Tyson has not boxed outside the United States since being knocked out in the 10th round in Toyko in 1990 by Buster Douglas, to whom he lost the heavyweight title.

I'm sure Francis thinks the fight will make his name internationally known by duking it out with Tyson. However, I doubt he will make it out of the ring fully intact. I believe Tyson is a more experienced and powerful fighter. However, his crazy antics will probably result in a loss. If he keeps from biting or head butting Francis, Tyson might win.

Tyson's next opponent might be Lennox Lewis, the undisputed heavyweight champion. Lewis says he would like to defend his title against Tyson.

I have added a new feature to my column called *Jabroni of the Week*. A jabroni is a wrestling term for moron. The candidate is a professional athlete who has either made a bonehead play or had a lousy performance.

The first athlete to receive this honor, or should I say dishonor, is Arizona Cardinal's quarterback Jake Plummer. Plummer threw three interceptions and was sacked five times by the Washington Redskins' defense Sunday. Plummer's inability to get the football to his receivers resulted in a 28-3 loss.

Sports aside for a moment, I would like to say goodbye to not only to a dear friend of mine, but of the entire student body. As you probably already know, this is Sandy the C-Store lady's last semester at Southwestern. She has greeted me as well as all students with a smile everyday. By the powers vested in me as sports editor I declare Sandy "The Student's Champion." Goodbye Sandy!

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Southwestern Bulldog teams of the century

BY CHARLES BEATLEY/SPORTS EDITOR

Southwestern has been not only been one of the best state colleges when it comes to sports, but also one of the nation's best.

I have chosen the 50 greatest Southwestern teams of this century and put them into order by earliest year to most recent.

Southwestern's rodeo teams have won six national titles all together; four by the men and two by the women. The

women's basketball team has been NAIA National Champions five times since its creation in 1975. In 1996, Southwestern's football team was NAIA National Champions.

Southwestern has had eight National Champion Runner-ups. I am sure the great success of Southwestern's athletic programs will continue in the 21st century.

50 Greatest Bulldog Teams

1925-Men's basketball (26-5)
 1926-Football (7-2) conference champs
 1927-Men's Basketball (23-4) conference champs
 1932-Football (7-3) tied for first in conference
 1933-Football (7-2-1) conference champs
 1953-Men's basketball (24-6) conference champs
 1954-Men's basketball (28-8)
 1954-Football (7-2) tied for first in conference
 1957-Football (7-1-1) conference champs
 1967-Men's basketball (23-5) conference champs
 1967-Baseball (20-9) conference champs
 1969-Football (9-1) tied for first in conference
 1970-Football (8-1) conference champs
 1971-Football (8-2) conference champs
 1977-Baseball (26-17) second in conference
 1977-Football (11-1) national runner-ups
 1979-Football (7-2) second in conference, 19 in nation
 1979-Men's track conference champs
 1980-Men's golf District Nine champs
 1981-Baseball (29-13)
 1981-Men's rodeo reserve national champions
 *1982-Women's basketball (34-0) National Champions
 *1983-Women's basketball (30-4) National Champions
 1984-Men's basketball (23-6) national semi-finals
 1984-Baseball (31-24) second in conference

1984-Women's basketball (31-1) national quarterfinals
 1984-Men's track conference champs
 1985-Men's track conference champs
 1985-Men's golf third at nationals
 *1985-Men's rodeo National Champions
 *1987-Women's basketball (30-2) National Champions
 1987-Men's rodeo reserve national champions
 *1988-Women's rodeo National Champions
 1989-Women's rodeo reserve National Champions
 *1990-Women's basketball (30-4) National Champions
 1991-Women's basketball (31-3) national runner-ups
 1992-Women's basketball (30-4) national semi-finals
 1992-Football (8-2) tied for first in conference
 *1992-Men's rodeo National Champions
 1992-Women's tennis (29-4)
 1993-Women's basketball (29-4) national semi-finals
 1993-Women's rodeo reserve national champions
 *1993-Men's rodeo National Champions
 *1994-Women's rodeo National Champions
 1995-Women's basketball (30-5) national semi-finals
 *1996-Football (9-3) National Champions
 1997-Women's basketball (28-5) national final four
 1997-Men's rodeo reserve national champions
 1998-Women's golf national runner-ups
 *1999-Men's rodeo National Champions

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Southwestern basketball dominates on road

BY CHARLES BEATLEY/SPORTS EDITOR

Southwestern men's and women's basketball teams were very successful last week on the road. The women's team won both of their games last week. The first win came against Texas Women's Pioneers 43-39 Dec. 7. The second was against Langston 52-41 Dec. 9. The men's team also won two games. The first win was a landslide at home against Panhandle State 122-81 Dec. 7. The other was against Central Arkansas, but this game was a battle winning by one point 79-78 Dec. 10.

The Lady Bulldogs came from a 27-21 deficit at half against the Pioneers to outscore them in the second half 22-12 for the 43-39 win.

Senior forward Kristi Dickerson led the Lady Bulldogs with 19 points. Kacey Whitworth, junior guard, and Kiki McClellan, junior forward, followed with six points each. Freshman forward Cassie Childs chipped in five points.

The Lady Bulldogs got ahead of Langston 25-16 at half. However, Langston played hard in the second half, scoring 25 points. But Southwestern scored 27 to win 52-41.

McClellan paced Southwestern with 18 points. She was followed by Childs with 11 points. Dickerson and Whitworth had eight points each.

The Bulldogs put the game against Panhandle State away early leading 61-38 at half. They continued to slaughter the Aggies outscoring them 61-43 in the second half to win 122-81.

Jayson Sanders, junior guard, led the Bulldogs with an outstanding 23 points. He was followed by Cedric Dale, junior forward, with 19 points. Junior forward Tim Ray and senior guard Jason Ruth both scored 15 points apiece. Corey Johnson, senior guard, recorded 14 points and senior center Alejandro Vargas also reached double digits with 12 points.

Southwestern would not have such a easy time against Central Arkansas. The Bulldogs led at half 32-27, but was outscored in the second half 51-47. However, Southwestern held on to the lead to win 79-78.

Johnson led the Dawgs with 20 points. Ray had 12 points, Dale scored 10 points, while senior guard Anthony Lumpkin and Ruth tallied seven each.

The Lady Bulldogs will try to match their first semester success at Panhandle State Jan. 6, at 5 p.m. and then at home versus Cameron January 8, at 6:00 p.m. The Bulldogs first game next semester will be at home against Cameron Jan. 8, at 8 p.m. and then host Texas Wesleyan Jan 10, at 7 p.m.

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A long (golf) path to Weatherford

Record-setter settles at Southwestern after living in Australia, Hawaii

By ZAC UNDERWOOD/NEWS REPORTER

"I couldn't have imagined my year ending any other way," said Melanie Folsom about her last season as a collegiate golfer at Southwestern. She ended her final golf season by following up a good finish in the 1997 NAJA National Championship tournament with a terrific finish in Southwestern's last NAIA National Championship tournament in 1998.

This two-time All-American who is now working on her Master's degree in early Childhood Development started from humble beginnings in a military household. Following her dad from station to station, she lived in the most exotic of places. Of the 11 times she's moved, "the land down under" narrowly beat-out Hawaii as her favorite.

"It's a neat place. We took a three day train trip from Perth to Sydney all the across the continent. And in the train, the window we had, you could wake up and see koalas in the trees and kangaroos going by," she said.

Folsom returned to the states to start her high school education. North Cobb High School in Georgia, was where she began as a freshman, but her junior and senior year found her at Tahlequah High School here in the Sooner State.

Out of high school, she looked for a bigger school in which to play golf. Melanie chose Wichita State, Kan. for her new home and a place to start her new chapter of her golfing career.

"It was a Division I school, it had nice facilities and the people were really friendly," she said. "But then that summer, the coach left, and it didn't work out with the new coach."

Folsom's vision of playing at a Division I program vanished after her sophomore year at Wichita State.

"I planned to take that year to play golf and work. I wasn't going to go to school, not worry about that. I was going to concentrate on golf," she said. "I happened to go to a party with my parents, and I met Bob Hill who was a dorm parent at Southwestern. Hill knew the athletic director who was starting a women's (golf) team. Five minutes later, I was on the phone with him," Folsom said.

After sitting out a semester because of ineligibility, she played her first college tournaments at Southwestern in spring 1997. She played well. Melanie came close to winning a few tournaments, but never took home top medallist honors during a college event.

"My first nationals, I tied for 10-place and was All-American which was fin," she said.



Melanie Folsom (left) and fellow Southwestern golfer Rachael Prebble-Poole display their 1998 All-american NAIA plaques.

Her senior campaign was more successful. Melanie's hard work on the course had paid dividends. She returned to wrap-up her college career with a spot on the 1998 Lone Star Conference team and never finished out of the top 10.

In May 1998, she and her teammates played Stone Creek Country Club in Tulsa in the last NAJA tournament for Southwestern. Although close, she just missed being national champion after surrendering her six-shot advantage. Two strokes separated her from the Lone Star Conference title, and again in the national tournament, two strokes were the difference.

Folsom lead the team with her 232 three-round total to a second place finish behind Southern Nazarene.

"I finished third, two shots behind the leader. I felt my dedication, being on the course everyday, would help me when it counted, and it helped me at nationals. I wanted to play well. It was my senior year, and I wanted to go out with a bang. It was fun," she said.

Her practice time truly paid off in the long run. The first nine holes of the three-day fifty-four hole event were her toughest. "I pretty much choked. I was like nine, ten, eleven over or something."

She shot 83 her first day, but she bounced back and set a NAJA record for the lowest two-day total in the national tournament with scores of 75 and 74. Her first nine holes of the tournament were the only nine-hole score in the 40s, and she double-bogeyed the same hole every round.

Folsom's career wound down in Weatherford, twice named an All-American, 1998 LSC allconference team, a third-place finish in the national tournament, a fourth-place finish in the conference tournament, a hand-full of top 10 finishes and also holding a record that will never be broken by a Southwestern student athlete.

"It's gratifying," Folsom said. "I felt I proved a lot of things to a lot of people. I always knew I could do it. Others didn't think I could, but I always knew. I think I would have been disappointed if it had ended any other way."

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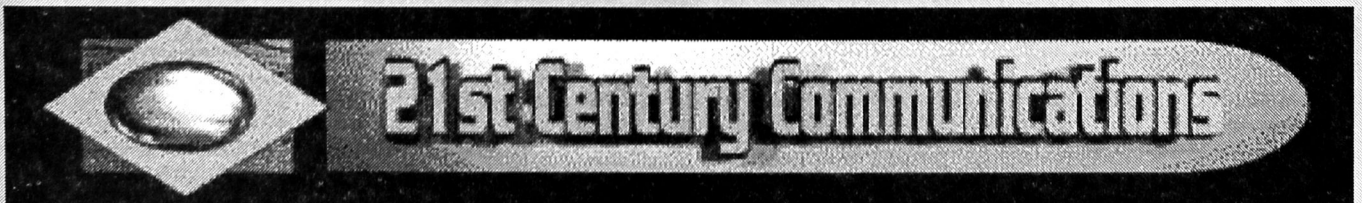
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